

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: November 15, 2003

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Applications

Section Affected: 1381

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

To amend section 1381 which would remove specific deadlines for receiving applications.

Factual Basis/Rationale

Currently, section 1381 has deadlines by which applications must be received in order to take an examination. At one time, the board gave its examinations twice a year on specific dates and required applicants to submit applications at least 90 days prior to the date of the examination. Amendments were made to the board's regulations allowing the examinations to go from a pencil/paper format to a computerized format thereby allowing the candidate to schedule the examinations at their convenience. Applicants are now able to take the computerized examinations any time throughout the year, therefore the application deadlines are no longer required.

Underlying Data

N/A

Business Impact

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.